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Jody Stiefel, Hearing Officer
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Bay State Gas Company, D.T.E. 02-75

Dear Mr. Stiefel:

I am writing on behalf of Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State" or the "Company") to request an extension for the submission of responses to the first and second sets of information requests issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources ("DOER") in the above-captioned proceeding until March 13, 2003. Bay State has contacted Counsel for DOER and is authorized to indicate that DOER has assented to this extension. Bay State will attempt to provide any responses that are available in advance of March 13, 2003 as they are completed. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Maribeth Ladd

Cc: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
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